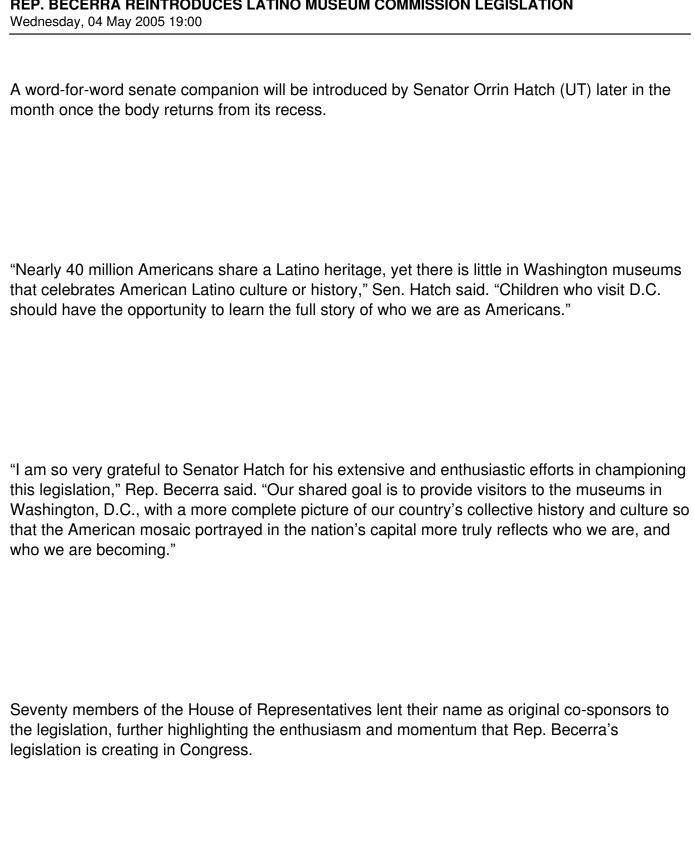
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Reps. Xavier Becerra (CA-31) and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL-18) reintroduced legislation today, Cinco de Mayo 2005, that would create a commission charged with exploring the possibility of establishing a national museum in Washington, D.C., focused or Latino art, culture, history and politics.
"Despite the history, demography and ongoing contributions that American Latinos have made and continue to make to the cultural life of our country, there remains a great gap in the level and quality of awareness that Americans possess about the rich and diverse character of Latino culture and history," Rep. Becerra said.
When signed into law, the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005" will set up a 23 member commission charged with producing a national conference to bring stakeholders, experts, policymakers and other interested parties together to discuss the museum's viability; a fundraising plan to create an extensive public-private partnership; and a report to congress detailing a recommended plan of action on how to move forward with taking the museum from concept to reality. All this will occu within 18 months of Rep. Becerra's bill's passage.



The bipartisan list of the 70 original co-sponsors of the "Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005	<u>ıl</u>
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For further information on the legislation or to schedule an interview with Rep. Becerra, please call Steve Haro at 202.225.6235 or 202.225.8355 (mobile). Click here to view the text of the bill.
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